

# Council Tax Exemption/Discount: Severely Mentally Impaired

Anyone who is medically certified as being Severely Mentally Impaired (SMI) may be eligible for a Council Tax exemption or discount. This means that the person will have a severe impairment of their intellectual and social functioning that appears to be permanent.

To be eligible, the person must be diagnosed as SMI by a doctor **and** must also be entitled to one of the benefits listed on this form.

Conditions that can lead to severe mental impairment, severe cognitive impairment or mental ill health include Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, Parkinson's disease, severe learning difficulties or a stroke, but many others may apply. Having one of these conditions does not in itself mean that a person will be diagnosed as SMI by a doctor.

Council Tax Exemption/Discount:

- If you have been diagnosed as SMI by a doctor and you are living alone or only with others who are SMI, you will be exempt from paying Council Tax.
- If you have been diagnosed as SMI by a doctor and you live with one adult who is eligible to pay council tax, your household will receive a 25% discount.
- If you have been diagnosed as SMI by a doctor and you live with 2 or more adults who are eligible to pay council tax there will be no discount.

## Application form for Exemption/Discount

### PART A: Personal information

Full name of person applying to be disregarded:

National Insurance Number:

Date of Birth:

Address:

  

Postcode:

Telephone Number:

Total number of adults (**residents over the age of 18**) living at this address:

## PART C: Doctor or Medical Practitioner's declaration

(to be completed by the Doctor/Medical Practitioner)

Name of doctor/medical practitioner:

Contact details of surgery/hospital

Address:

Postcode:	Telephone Number:
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A person is regarded as severely mentally impaired if they have a severe impairment of intelligence and social functioning (however caused) which appears to be permanent. *Local Government Finance Act 1992 (Schedule 1, Paragraph 2)*.

I can confirm the person named in **PART A** is SMI as defined above. **(Please tick box)** Yes  No

A Council Tax exemption/discount may be backdated to the point of diagnosis. For the purposes of this form, please enter the first point at which you would consider the patient to be SMI.

Date of Diagnosis:

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Doctor's signature:

Date:

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Official Stamp:

**Note: GPs should not charge for the diagnosis and/or completion of this form.**

*British Medical Association, The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) Regulations 2004 (Regulation 21(1) and Schedule 4).*